

# SIGN of the TIMES E-NEWS

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Iowa Department of  
**Human Rights**



Office of Deaf Services

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs  
600 E. Locust Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 19, 2011**

Contact: Jeff Morgan, 515-281-3858

**State Historical Museum offers sign language tours** *Docent tours serve deaf community and their families, friends*



**TOURS DATE**  
**May 15, 2011**

**DES MOINES** – The State Historical Museum will offer free docent sign language tours for the deaf community and their families and friends next month.

Sponsored by the Des Moines Host Lions Foundation, the tours will be May 15, 2011, at the State Historical Museum, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. Museum staff and volunteers will lead the tours and Deaf Action Services will provide sign language interpreters.

The sign language tour schedule follows:

**1 p.m.**, “The Delicate Balance: Human Values and Iowa’s Natural Resources” – A look at how people have used Iowa’s natural resources from prehistoric time to the present. This exhibit showcases Native American collections, wildlife and fossils. Stand in a cramped coal mine and investigate “Walk in Beauty,” a study case of moccasins and beadwork.

## CON’T ANNOUNCEMENT

**2:30 p.m.**, “You Gotta Know the Territory” – A walk through Iowa’s early years before statehood (1838-1846), focusing on native cultures, immigration, farming, town life and human rights. Push a plow, try a two-person saw, and watch a video about a girl traveling west to Iowa in a covered wagon.

In addition, crafts and art projects will be available **1-4 p.m.** for individuals of all ages. Volunteers will assist with craft activities. The tours are free and reservations are not required.

Contact Maureen Korte at [maureen.korte@iowa.gov](mailto:maureen.korte@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4132 for more information.

## INFORMATION

### NATIONAL LEVEL NEWS

Hearing Loss Association of America ([HLAA](#)):  
[Reintroduction of Hearing Aid Tax Credit](#)

National Association of the Deaf ([NAD](#)):  
[Matlin Shatters Barriers on Celebrity Apprentice](#)

### STATE LEVEL NEWS

Office of Deaf Service’s Contractual Interpreting Program Funding is almost gone, two more requests left until June 30th:  
<http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov/interpreting/contractual-interpreting-program.html>

Visit DSCI website: [www.deafservices.iowa.gov](http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov) Questions or Comments? Email us: [dhr.dsci@iowa.gov](mailto:dhr.dsci@iowa.gov)

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## JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM LEADERSHIP CAMP

**LAST CHANCE,  
THREE MORE WEEKS TO APPLY!**

**APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED  
BY ORDER RECEIVED BY MAY 31st.**

Click here to download the  
[Application Form](#)

**JULY 18 — 23, 2011**

[DOLLIVER STATE PARK](#)



**Application Deadline is May 31st.**

**Need Camp Cook, if interested,  
contact Stephanie Lyons at  
[stephanie.lyons@iowa.gov](mailto:stephanie.lyons@iowa.gov)**

**Donations are welcome to the JCP Camp.**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**5/06: 6:00 pm: American Sign Language Social** hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](#), Des Moines.

**5/06: 10:00 am—1:00 pm: Deaf Services Commission of Iowa Commission Meeting** located at Lucas State Office Building., 2nd floor, Conference Room 201, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines.

**5/14: 7:00 pm: ASL Film GERALD** located at Kirkwood Community College, Ballantyne Auditorium, \$10 Admission, Proceeds to Communication Service for the Deaf and Deaf Iowans Against Abuse (CSD-Iowa/DIAA), Sponsored by Hands Up Communications.

**5/16: 10:00 am—1:00 pm: IA Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators Meeting** located at Lucas State Office Building in Room 526, 5th floor, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines. Click here to see board [agenda](#) information.

**5/21: 1:00 pm—9:00 pm: Barn Fun Day** located at 2710—307th Way, Adel. \$25 per family, \$10 per person. Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair. Grill out, hamburgers and hot dogs. Proceeds to Deaf Women in the Heartland.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 6—9: Deaf Women in the Heartland Conference** located at Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA. Click here to get [registration form](#) or go to Iowa Association of the Deaf's website: <http://iowadeaf.com/>

To see more details of these events, see our events webpage:  
<http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov/events/index.html>

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